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★ UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ★
AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND ♦ 58TH SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING

COLONEL DALE J. COOK

Colonel Dale J. Cook is vice commander of the 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. As vice commander, Colonel Cook plays a vital role in executing one of Air Education and Training Command's more unique and challenging missions. The Wing, comprised of seven squadrons under the operations and logistics groups, trains special operations and rescue aircrews. The wing also provides people and aircraft in support of crises around the world, and assists local authorities in regional rescues. Supporting this mission are more than 1,500 military and civilian personnel. The wing has more than 30 aircraft assigned to train over 750 formal-course students per year.

Colonel Cook was born in Seattle, Wash. and earned his commission in 1970 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Northern Colorado. Colonel Cook has had seven operational flying assignments in various helicopters and held higher headquarters staff positions at Scott AFB, Ill. While serving at Clark Air Base in the Philippines, he commanded the 31st Special Operations Squadron which was responsible for combat readiness operations in the Pacific Theater as part of joint special operations forces. From there, Colonel Cook moved on to become the Deputy Group Commander of the 58th Operations Group at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. His responsibilities there included supervising over 1,000 personnel in three flying squadrons, one operations support squadron, and the USAF Pararescue and Combat Control Team formal schools. Colonel Cook assumed the position of Director of Special Staff, 437th AW on Sep 1, 1995. His responsibilities included oversight of Protocol, Historian, Manpower, Safety, Command Post, Staff Judge Advocate, Public Affairs, Social Actions, Quality, Chapel Program, and Comptroller. He has flown a total of 4,200 hours in the H-3, the most hours by any Air Force active duty pilot. Colonel Cook assumed the position of vice commander, 58th Special Operations Wing, June 2, 1998.

EDUCATION:

1970	Bachelor of Science degree in social sciences, University of Northern Colorado
1977	Squadron Officer School (in-residence), Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
1980	Master of science degree in business administration and general management, Webster University
1982	Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
1984	National Security Management, by correspondence
1988	Air War College, through seminar

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. July 1962 - August 1962; student, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Tex.
2. August 1962 - January 1963; student, Basic Medical School, Greenville AFB, Miss.
3. January 1963 - July 1966 Physiological Training Specialist, Lowry AFB, Colo.
4. April 1971 - April 1972; Maintenance Support Officer, Williams AFB, Ariz.
5. April 1972 - June 1973; student, Undergraduate Helicopter Pilot Training, Ft. Walters, Tex., Ft. Rucker, Ala., and Hill AFB, Utah
6. June 1973 - August 1976; Combat Rescue Pilot, 5040th Helicopter Squadron and 71st Air Rescue Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
7. August 1976 - January 1979; Instructor Pilot, Det 15, 39 ARRW, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
8. January 1979 - January 1981; Chief of Standardization, Det 14, 67th Air Rescue Squadron, Keflavik, Iceland
9. January 1981 - June 1982; Assistant Chief of Standardization, HQ Air Rescue Service, Scott AFB, Ill.
10. June 1982 - June 1984; Helicopter Program Manager, HQ Military Airlift Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
11. June 1984 - May 1986; Senior Air Force Advisor, 129th Air Rescue Group, Moffett Naval Air Station, Calif.
12. May 1986 - June 1987; Director of Operations, 31st Air Rescue Squadron Clark AB, Philippines
13. June 1988 - July 1989; Commander, 31st Air Rescue Squadron, Clark AB, Philippines
14. July 1989 - August 1990; Commander, 31st Special Operations Squadron, Clark AB, Philippines
15. August 1990 - July 1994; Deputy Commander, 58th Special Operations Group, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
16. March 1994 - June 1998; Director of Special Staff, 437th Airlift Wing, Charleston AFB, S.C.
17. June 1998 - Present, vice commander, 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating:	Command pilot
Flight Hours:	More than 4,500
Aircraft flown:	UH-1H, UH-1F, UH-1N, CH-3, HH-3, MH-60

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Air Force Good Conduct Medal
Philippines Silver Star

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	Dec. 8, 1970
First Lieutenant	July 7, 1972
Captain	Dec. 8, 1974
Major	Jan. 1, 1983
Lieutenant Colonel	Aug. 1, 1987
Colonel	Mar. 1, 1993

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